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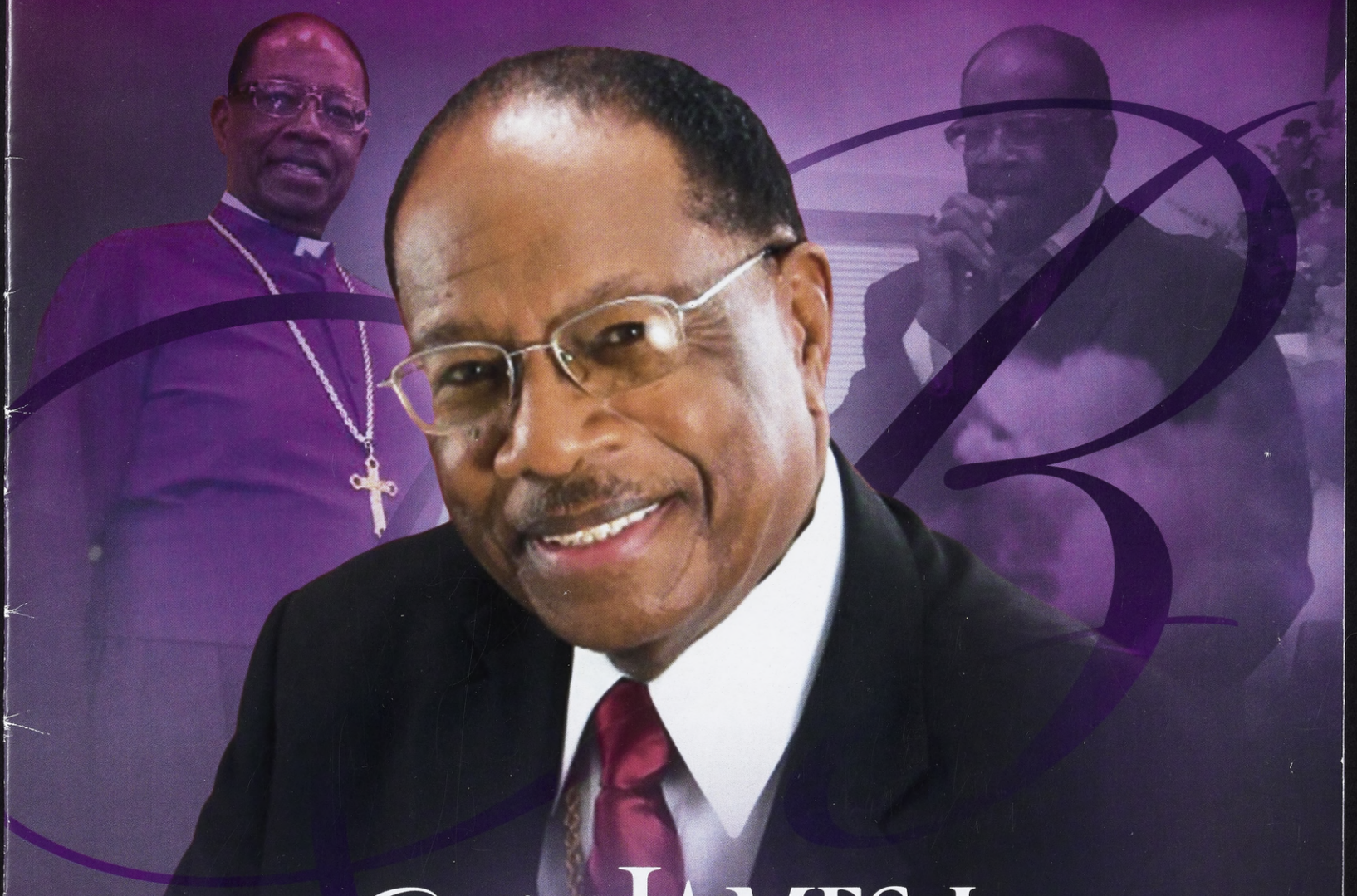

Bishop JAMES L. LANGSTON JR.

SUNRISE
FEBRUARY 5, 1936

SUNSET
DECEMBER 9, 2017

Schedule OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2017
10:00 AM

PUBLIC VIEWING

Acts Full Gospel Church of God in Christ

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2017
11:00 AM

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Acts Full Gospel Church of God in Christ

Superintendent
Joseph E. Langston, Officiant

Bishop George Dallas McKinney,
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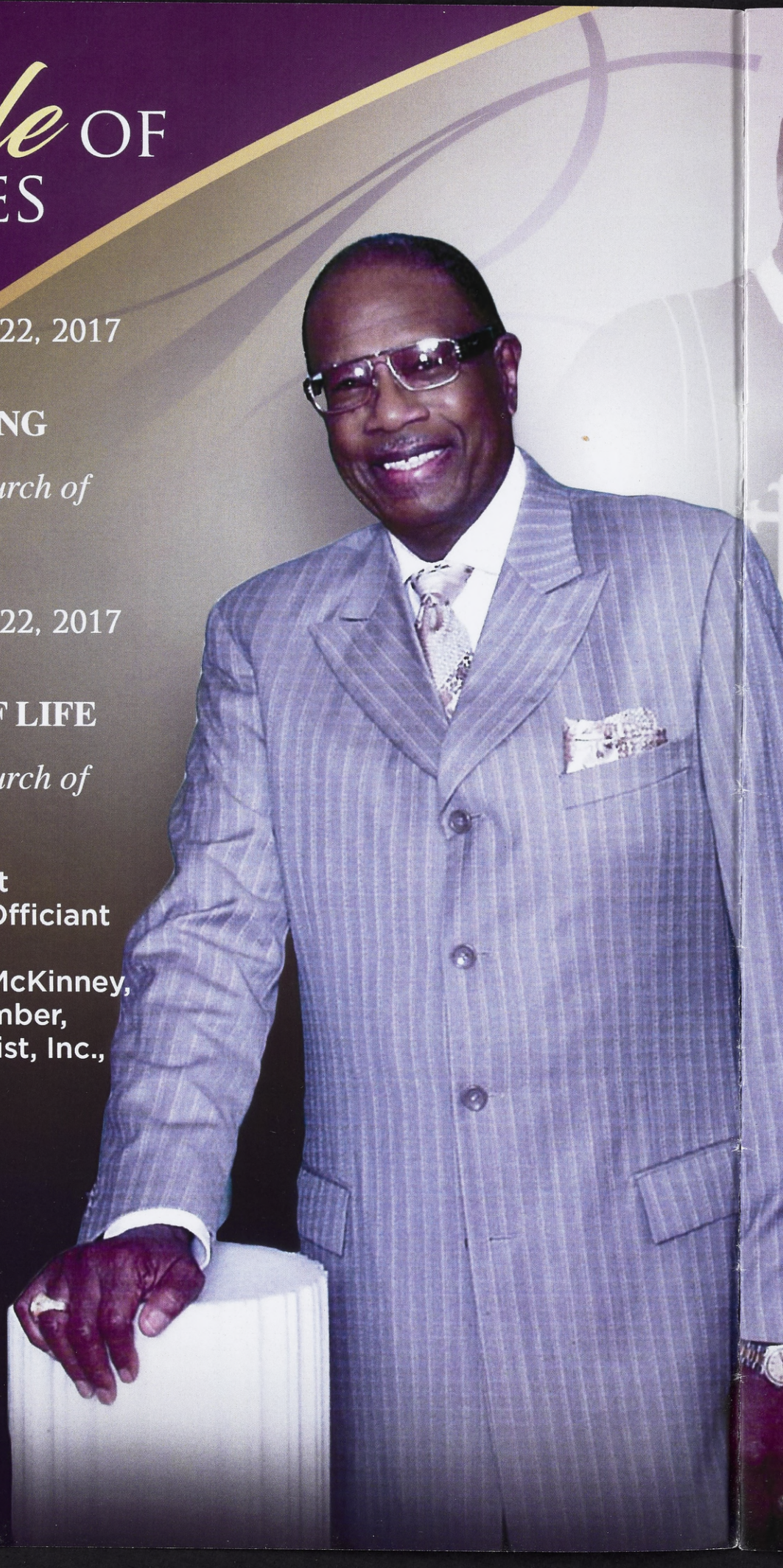

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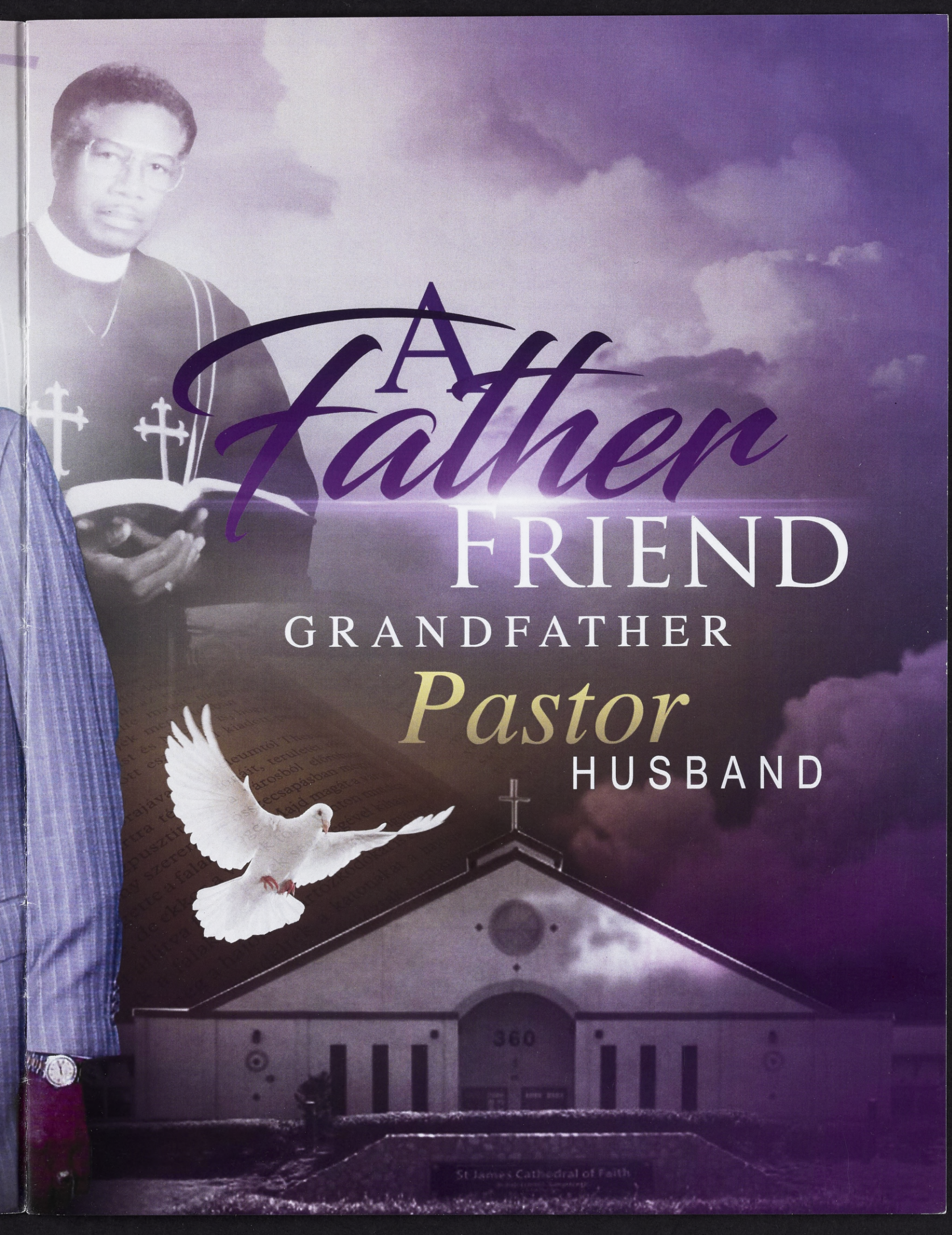
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St James Cathedral of Faith

Bishop JAMES L. LANGSTON JR.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Order of Service

The Right Reverend George Dallas McKinney, Ph.D., D.D - *Chief Celebrant*
Superintendent Joseph E. Langston – *Pulpit Chairman*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2017 | 11:00 AM

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship.....**Superintendent Joseph E. Langston**
Officiant

PROCESSIONAL
PASTORS, SUPERINTENDENTS, BISHOPS AND THE LANGSTON FAMILY

Invocation.....**Bishop Jonathan Logan**

Old Testament Scripture.....**Pastor Ricky Currington**
PSALM 90: 1-4, 9-10

New Testament Scripture.....**Apostle R.D. Garrison**
I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Affirmation of Faith.....**Superintendent Gerald Harris**

Hymn of Praise.....**He's Sweet, I Know**

Musical Selection.....**James L. Langston Jr. Memorial Choir**

Reflections

THE LOCAL CHURCH.....

Deacon Gary Carter, Deacon Board President
Sis. Gloria Carter, Jr. Church Mother | Sis. Burnie Broussard, Mothers Board President
Sis. Linda Reed, Prayer Clinic President | Sis. Josephine Brewer, Church Mother
Elder Paris Reed, Youth Pastor

THE LOCAL ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY.....**Bishop Anthony Willis**

FRIEND.....**Mother Ladoris Richardson**

FAMILY.....**Elder David Langston**

Musical Selection.....**The J. L Langston Singers**

Bishop JAMES L. LANGSTON JR.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Order of Service

Reading of the Obituary

RESOLUTIONS & ACKNOWLEDGMENT.....**Elder David Newsome**
Jurisdictional Executive Secretary

Special Remarks.....**Southern California Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction**

THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN.....**Mother Gloria Lynch**
Jurisdictional Supervisor

PASTOR'S AND ELDER'S COUNCIL.....**Pastor Jesse Waters**
Pastors and Elders Chairman

SUPERINTENDENTS & ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS.....**Bishop Johnny McCaleb**
Administrative Assistant

SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MY HUSBAND, BISHOP LANGSTON

First Lady Barbara McKinney, Southern California 2nd Jurisdictional, First Lady
-On Behalf of First Lady Maria Gardner Langston-

Musical Selection.....**Bishop James L. Langston Jr. Memorial Choir**

Introduction of Eulogist & Jurisdictional Prelate.....**The Right Reverend Bishop Jerry W. Macklin**
Second Assistant Presiding Bishop, Church of God in Christ, Inc.

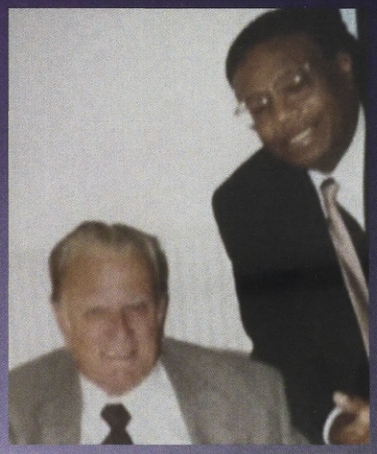
Sermonic Selection.....**Superintendent Deandre Patterson**

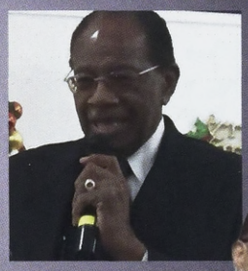
EULOGY

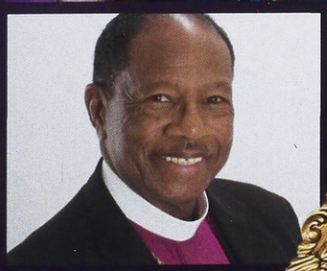
The Right Reverend Bishop George Dallas McKinney, Ph.D., D.D.
General Board Member, Church of God in Christ, Inc.
Jurisdictional Prelate, Southern California Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Closing Prayer & Benediction

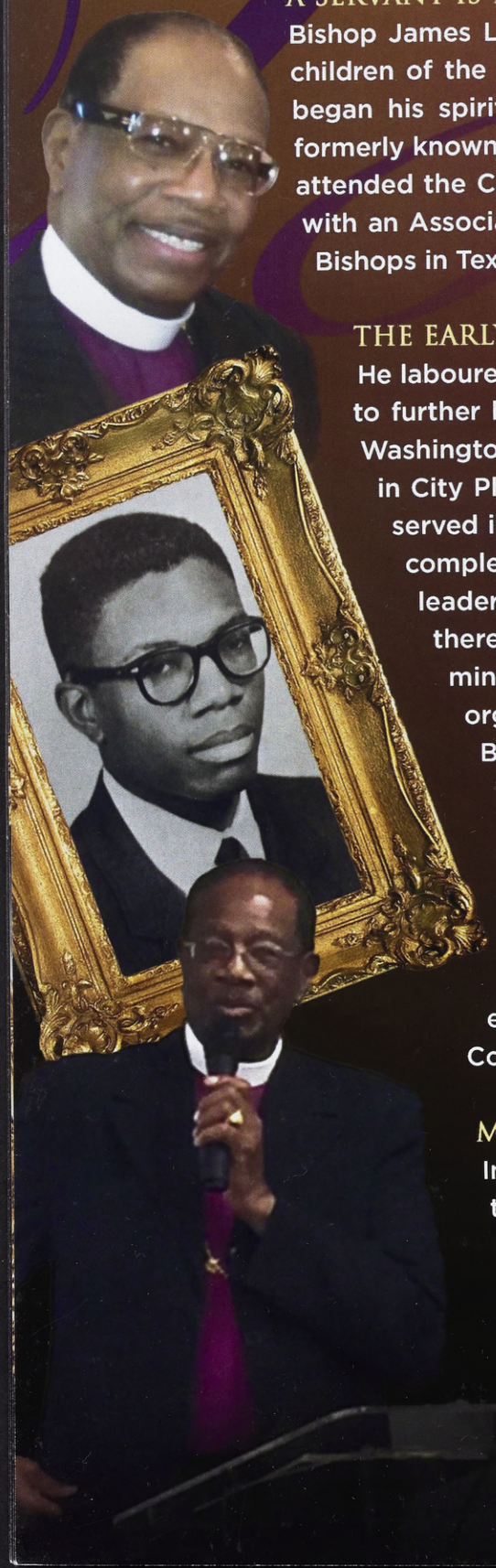
Recessional
Please remain seated until the family has been dismissed







Reflections OF A BLESSED LIFE



A SERVANT IS BORN

Bishop James Lynn Langston Jr. was born in Amarillo, Texas. He is one of eleven children of the late Supt. James L. Langston, Sr. and Mrs. Scelestine Langston. He began his spiritual journey at the Langston Memorial Church in Amarillo, Texas, formerly known as the 213 Madison Street COGIC. He was saved at an early age. He attended the Carver High School in Amarillo and graduated from Amarillo College with an Associate of Arts degree. He served under the leadership of Jurisdictional Bishops in Texas, Washington D.C., Oakland and San Francisco, California.

THE EARLY YEARS

He laboured under his father's ministry until his departure for Washington, D. C. to further his education. Bishop Langston graduated from Howard University, Washington D.C. with a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture with advanced studies in City Planning, Urban Design and Civil Engineering. In Washington D. C. he served in the army for two years as a medical specialist. When his tour was completed in 1963, he came to San Francisco, California and united under the leadership of the late Bishop E.E. Hamilton of the Emanuel COGIC. It was there that he was ordained a deacon and subsequently called to the ministry. He was faithful to the ministry and served as the assistant organist. He previously served as the organist at his father's church, Bishop Kelsey in Washington D.C. and Bishop Grady in San Antonio, Texas.

Soon after arriving in San Francisco, he was employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Design Engineer. He was later employed by Mason McDuffie Mortgage Company as a loan specialist, and by Flour Utah Engineer as an Architectural Engineer. He was also employed by the First interstate Bank as Vice President of Construction for Northern California.

MINISTRY IS BIRTHED

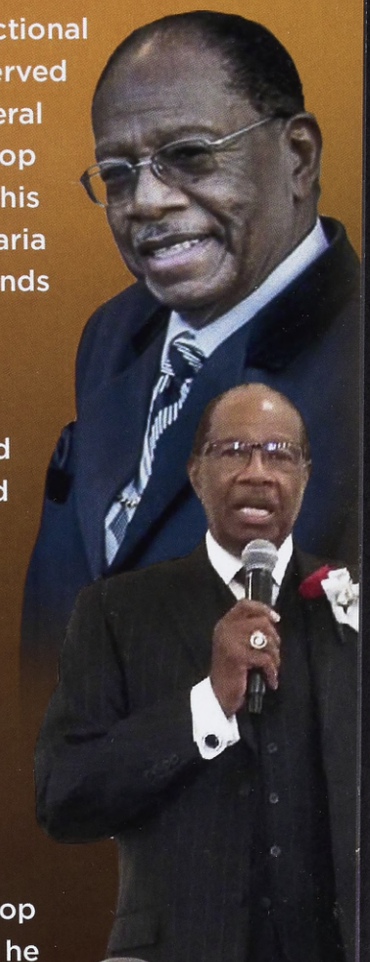
In 1985 Bishop Langston resigned his position with First Interstate Bank to accept the challenge of full time ministry. Upon this act faith, God has saved and added to the church. Bishop Langston was one of two founding Pastors of the Hamilton Memorial COGIC in the city of San Francisco, California. He pastored Hamilton Memorial Church for over 30 years. Bishop Langston has served in many different capacities within the California Northwest Jurisdiction under General Board Member Emeritus Bishop W.W. Hamilton (Mission

President), California North Central under Bishop Donald Murray (Jurisdictional Secretary, Admin Asst., District Superintendent). And for the past few years, he served faithfully in the Southern California Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction under General Board Member Bishop George McKinney as an Administrative Assistant. Bishop Langston added so much to the jurisdictional life of the Second Jurisdiction by his presence (an 8-hour drive) and constant support of the ministry. He and Lady Maria have become part and parcel of the Second Jurisdiction Family, as well as great friends of Bishop George and Lady Barbara McKinney.

MARRIAGE AND MINISTRY

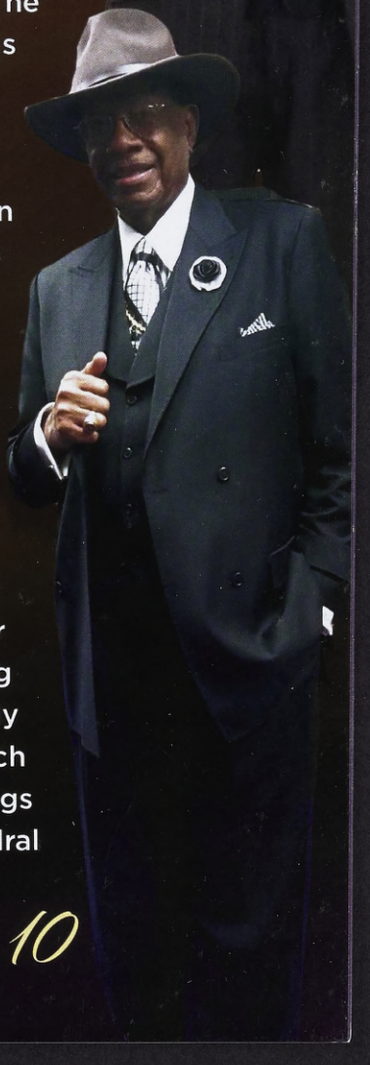
Bishop Langston was married to Ruth Ella Hamilton Langston for 42 years. He and Ruth served their church and family faithfully together as one until the Lord called Ruth Ella from labor to reward in 2007. On February 12, 2012 he was joined in Holy Matrimony with Evangelist Maria Gardner. Bishop and Lady Maria enjoyed traveling together, and spending quality time with one another. They most enjoyed praying together. As they were so in tune with one another, they would often tag team and preach the Word of God together. Together they founded the St. James Cathedral Church of God in Christ. Through this ministry, they were able to change lives, reform communities and restore hope to the lost as they built this ministry together.

To say that Bishop loved the St. James Family would be an understatement. Bishop was a lover of the people of the Lord. Coupled with an immense love for his wife, he ministered to the hurting, the despondent and the downtrodden with the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

In addition to his Bachelor's Degree from Howard University, Bishop Langston continued his education by attending Golden State University pursuing a Master's Degree in Business and additional courses at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California. He also studied Management and Commercial Law at San Francisco State University. In addition, he obtained a Real Estate License from California Realty and Insurance Funding and as well as, National Association of Security Dealers.



BISHOP, THE MAN

As much as Bishop Langston was an International leader and influence for God's Kingdom, he was very personable and could relate to his members and their struggles. He often counseled the members, and would even give life-changing gifts to those in need. He had a heart for young students, and consistently participated by giving of his personal resources to scholarship funds and much more. Bishop Langston's huge zest for life can only be summed up by all the things he truly loved: God, his lovely wife, his family, God's people, the St. James Cathedral Church of God in Christ, African art, classical music, cookies, and ice cream.

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Reflections of a Blessed Life

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Bishop James Lynn Langston Jr. was preceded in death by his parents: father, Supt. James L. Langston and mother, Scelestine Conway Langston; three sisters: Orelia Hicks, Eloise Vale Goring, and Barbara Etta Haynes; brother, Luther Jean Langston, his first wife, Ruth Ella Langston; and Sister in-law, Delois Langston.

Bishop Langston is survived by his loving wife, Evangelist Maria Gardner Langston; Step-Daughter, Pastor Yvette Flunder and Step-Son, Leonard Conners; Step-Son, Bishop Anthony (Monica) Gardner; Step-Daughter, Mrs. Terrie (Derek) Rimson; six siblings; Sisters, Lajuanah Raye Lunceford, Gloretha Bell Caldwell, Charlotte Rose Brown, and Celestine Turner; and Brothers: Dr. Louis Conway (Sandra) Langston and Superintendent Joseph Eugene (Bertha) Langston.

Bishop Langston leaves to cherish his memory: nine grandchildren, two great-grandsons, nephews, nieces, cousins and the entire St. James Cathedral of Faith Church of God in Christ. While we will all miss this mighty man of God, we find comfort in knowing that a few moments before his earthly departure, he was found on his knees with his hands lifted in the presence of God, praying in an unknown tongue. We further take comfort in knowing that our beloved, Bishop James L. Langston Jr. is resting with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To God be the Glory.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints - Psalms 116:15

Bishop James L. Langston Jr.

West Angeles Church of God in Christ

Bishop Charles E. Blake
Minister

December 19, 2017

To the Family of Bishop James L. Langston

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted

Matthew 5:4

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

This greeting comes on behalf of West Angeles Church of God in Christ to extend our heartfelt and deepest sympathy to you and your family upon the loss of your beloved family member, Bishop James L. Langston. We join with you in celebrating a life well lived and we pray that the memories you have shared will live on forever. I want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

God assures us that death is not the end, but the beginning of a new life with Christ. May you find strength and comfort in the firm declaration of the Prophet Isaiah in Isaiah 41:10: "Fear thou not, for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness!" May you rest in the Lord this day and always, for He has promised to sustain and strengthen you for the challenges of this season of your life.

May the God of all comfort strengthen your heart.

Sent in love this 19th day of December 2017

Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.
Pastor
West Angeles Church of God in Christ

Bishop JAMES L. LANGSTON JR.

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Southern California Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
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December 15, 2017

Pastor Maria Gardner Langston
The Langston Family
& The St. James Cathedral of Faith COGIC
360 Central Avenue
Pittsburg, CA

Pastor Maria and Family:

I greet you in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

The entire California Southern Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to you in the passing from labor to reward of our beloved, Bishop James L. Langston, Jr. Although sympathy is only a small consolation from the heats of those who share your sorrow, be confident of this: Bishop Langston's absence will be deeply felt by all who loved, respected and admired him.

Bishop Langston was a dear friend to both Lady Barbara and me and we will personally miss him dearly. We are praying that God will keep you, the entire Langston Family, along with the St. James Cathedral of Faith Family close in his caring and loving arms during this most difficult time. We are firm believers that we serve a God that cares and assures us that we can cast all of our cares upon him because he cares for us. Know that he is standing by to meet your every need.

Your Second Jurisdiction Family stands with me in a deep commitment to pray and stand with you. We bow our heads to the will of God, the father of us all, who doeth all things well. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

George D. McKinney

Bishop George D. McKinney, Ph.D., D.D.
Prelate
GDM/dgn

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http://georgedmckinney.org

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it..." - Ps. 127:1

Bishop James L. Langston Jr.

December 22, 2017

CONDOLENCES TO:
Pastor Maria Gardner Langston and
Family of: **Bishop James L. Langston**
c/o St. James Cathedral of Faith COGIC
360 Central Avenue
Pittsburgh, CA 94565

The staff and membership of The Potter's House of Dallas, Inc. and my wife, First Lady Serita Jakes, join me in extending our heartfelt condolences to you, Pastor Maria and the entire family, in the passing of your beloved husband, **Bishop James L. Langston.**

It is with great respect that we add our voices to the chorus of those who have gathered, from both near and far, to honor a great man who left an indelible mark in the lives of those he served, worked alongside of and those who have gleaned from his wealth of wisdom and knowledge.

As you all journey down this difficult road of grief, our prayer is that God will comfort your hearts and minds with endearing memories that will always be treasured. Bishop Langston has run and completed his race to receive the greatest reward; eternal rest in the arms of our heavenly Father. We can only imagine the celebration there must be in heaven!

May you draw strength from our Lord, the source of peace and comfort, in the midst of your sorrow. Our prayers surround you now and in the days to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Bishop T. D. Jakes

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The Potter's House of Dallas, Inc.

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A *Tribute* From Your *Wife*

My Dearest Boo,

How Do I begin this communication to indicate how much I love and adore you, my husband? Since the first day that I met you, you have been such an amazing man. I knew from the beginning that God handcrafted you just for me. Your love, kindness, care, concern, nurturing and dedication has been nothing less than outstanding. You are the ideal husband, provider, confident, partner and friend. All of the attributes that I can bestow upon you; I must say I am most proud and amazed at your relationship with God. From the midnight prayers to you anointing me in the wee hours of the morning, your faith and love from God never waivers.

When I look back over the years that we have spent together, I owe all praise to God for blessing us with each other. I have truly been blessed beyond measure, and God's word yet stands, that my latter shall be greater. Baby, you are the apple of my eye, and I am so thankful that God picked you just for me. Baby, you spoiled me, yes you spoiled me rotten, I never wanted for anything, you loved me, you prayed for me. All of the trips together, the runs to the cleaners, and Starbucks, us making the bed together, and choosing our outfits to coordinate together, building our church together. We were always together, so much so; someone said "we went together like peanut butter and jelly"; oh how I will miss you. Your tall stature, big heart and intelligence were so amazing to me. The way you could hold a conversation while looking into one another's eyes, your sweet smell of cologne, oh how I will miss you. My dear husband, I am going to miss your distinguished voice, your calming touch, waking to your praying and witnessing your true relationship with God. Our Sunday mornings, studying God's word, collaborating on ways to build the kingdom together. St James Cathedral of Faith, a church birthed directly from God. You carried the baby, undergirding the ministry with truth, purpose and faith, and I promise I will continue the work to see your vision come to fruition and your legacy shines brightly throughout the community.

Baby, I miss you dearly; each moment I seek the strength to carry on knowing you are not here. I find reassurance that you always wanted me to be ok I will miss you asking me ten times a day; baby are you ok? You walking by me just to touch me and kiss me, and I hear you telling me; "baby, do not worry God's got you." You were the physical embodiment of a good Christian husband so now I will continue this journey without you by my side. However, you will always be in my heart. I will never tell anyone that I lost my husband, for when you lose something you do not know where it is, but I know you are in heaven rejoicing with our heavenly Father.

Keep watch over me, baby. I find peace knowing I will see you again. My King, My Pastor, My Bishop, oh my sweetheart, My husband, MY BOO!!

I Love you forever and a day!
Your loving wife, Maria

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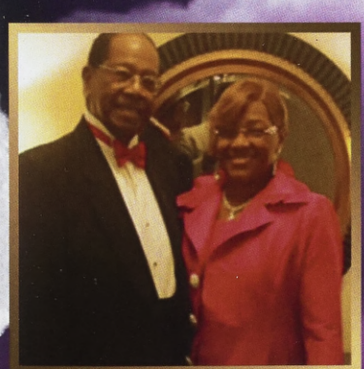

Thank You

On behalf of Evangelist Maria Gardner Langston and the entire St. James Cathedral of Faith Church, we thank you for your love, prayers and support during this time. Please know that every card, gift, flower, and condolence has been a blessing.

We will forever love our
Bishop, James L. Langston Jr.

Until We Meet Again

PALLBEARERS

Deacon Marcus Wells, Deacon Willie Haynes
Deacon Gerald McDonald, Deacon Kyle Church
Deacon Gary Carter, Deacon Dimario Carter
Brother Armand Burns and Brother Eric Langston

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